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FOR DONALDSON, J. KATZ AND POLLACK FROM A. KATZ

BRUSSELS FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS-HUPE

E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEETING OF ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP, MARCH 13-14

1. IN SEPTEL I HAVE SENT YOU OUR TRANSLATION OF THE ANNOTATED AGENDA TELEGRAM OCKRENT AND I WORKED OUT YESTERDAY AND TODAY. HE HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DAVIGNON ON THIS THROUGHOUT AND DAVIGNON WILL LOOK OVER THE MESSAGE THIS AFTERNOON IN BRUSSELS BEFORE TRANSMITTING IT TO BELGIAN EMBASSIES IN ECG COUNTRIES.

2. OCKRENT PREFERS TO LEAVE DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMEN OF AD HOC GROUPS ON R&D AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT TO MEETING ITSELF AND HE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY PROPOSALS IN ADVANCE. HE IS INQUIRING IN HIS TELEGRAM TO BONN, HOWEVER, WHETHER FRG WILL MAKE SCHMIDT-KOSTER AVAILABLE TO CHAIR R&D GROUP. HOWEVER, HE WILL TELL DAVIGNON IN HIS OWN MESSAGE THAT HE DISAGREES WITH OUR PROPOSAL THAT DR. RAY CHAIR THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT GROUP ON THE GROUND THAT US IS A MAIN PARTY AT INTEREST IN THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREA. I GAVE HIM ALL THE ARGUMENTS BUT UNFORTUNATELY HE HAS BEEN SCHOOLED IN THE TRADITION THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE NEUTRAL. THIS IS ONE WE CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL HAVE TO TAKE ON IN BRUSSELS WITH DAVIGNON BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HERM POLLACK WOULD GIVE YOU THE NAME OF AN ACCEPTABLE OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD FROM A SMALL COUNTRY TO HOLD IN RESERVE. OCKRENT

ALSO DID NOT WANT IN HIS CABLE TO NOMINATE THE LEAD COUNTRIES FOR THE SUBJECTS UNDER ECG ATTENTION. HE WILL REPORT TO DAVIGNON THAT THE UK WANTS PRODUCER/ CONSUMER RELATIONS AND DENMARK IS NATURAL TO DEAL WITH LDCS. AS FOR THE ROLE OF THE OIL COMPANIES, HE OPPOSES THE FRG ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF SCHMIDT-KOSTER ACCEPTS THE R&D JOB IT WOULD GIVE ONE COUNTRY TOO MUCH, AND HE OPPOSES THE DUTCH FOR THE JOB ON THE SAME GROUND AS WELL AS BECAUSE NETHERLANDS ARE A PARTY AT INTEREST. THIS LEAVE NORWAY, CANADA AND BELGIUM (ASSUMING JAPAN CHAIRS THE CONSERVATION GROUP). ONE POSSIBILITY HE MUSED ABOUT IS TO NAME A BELGIAN NAMED STENMANS TO CHAIR THE R&D AND PUT THE FRG (PERHAPS LANTZKE) AS LEAD COUNTRY ON THE ROLE OF THE OIL COMPANIES OR TO CHAIR A GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT IF ONE IS EVER FORMED (THE DUTCH STILL OPPOSE).

3. OCKRENT ALSO ASKS WHETHER WE SHOULD INVITE THE BIS AS AN OBSERVER TO THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PORTION OF THE MEETING. COULD YOU PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT WITH JACK BENNETT?

4. AS OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON OUR LATEST INFORMATION WAS THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK'S OECD SCENARIO WAS INCONCLUSIVE. REPORTEDLY BRUNET AND CO. FAVORED OUR SCENARIO. SOME UNNAMED HAWKS FAVORED INSISTING ON THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD PROCEDURES--SENDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL TO OBTAIN FORMAL MANDATES, PARTICIPATION BY ALL OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES, ETC. THEY MAY INDICATE POSITION AT AN EC CAUCUS ON MONDAY MORNING AT 10:30, IN WHICH CASE WE WILL BE INFORMED BY WANSINK IN HIS MEETING WITH JULES KATZ AND MET AT 11:30. HOWEVER, THEY MAY NOT ANNOUNCE ANY ACTION IN ADVANCE OF THE OECD HLG MEETING ITSELF AT 2:30 P.M. THEY COULD CONCEIVABLE AGREE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IN THE HLG ITSELF BUT INSIST IN THE OIL COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY ON CONFIDENTIAL

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FULL ADHERENCE TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. OCKRENT HAS CALLED A MEETING OF A CAUCUS OF ECG COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE HLG MEETING TO BRIEF THE NON-HLG MEMBERS AND TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT DAY'S MEETING OF THE OIL COMMITTEE.

5. I WILL LEAVE PARIS WITH OCKRENT LATE TUESDAY MORNING ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS (MIDI) ON TUE AT 1405. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF CHRIS JONES COULD MEET US AT THE STATION WITH AN EMBASSY CAR AND PROCEED WITH US TO MEET WITH THE BELGIAN CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL. OCKRENT WANTS OUT HELP TO GO OVER ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT AFTERNOON. WE WILL TRY TO SCHEDULE JULES' DEPARTURE

ON A LATER TRAIN WHICH WOULD PERMIT A DELEGATION MEETING
IN BRUSSELS TUESDAYEVENING, BUT I THINK JULES' DEPARTURE
FROM PARIS SHOULD DEPEND ON WHEN THE PROCEDURAL ITEM IS
DISPOSED OF IN THE OIL COMMITTEE.

6. THE BELGIAN KEY MAN AND CONFERENCE SECRETARY IS
KOBIA WHO WORKS WITH AMBASSADOR IN MFA. IF CHRIS
HAS NOT TOUCHED BASE WITH HIM ALREADY IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR HIM TO DO SO ON ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS. I THINK IT
WOULD BE USEFUL IN ANY EVENT FOR CHIS TO TAKE ALONG
COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS IN THE WEC AND ECG SERIES.
IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR CHRIS TO HAVE A NUMBER OF
EXTRA COPIES OF THE "WORLD ENERGY AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK"
PAPER AND OF SECRETARY SHULTZ' SPEECH. ALSO ASK EUR/RPE
TO PROVIDE A SET OF THE LATEST EPC AND WP3 DOCUMENTS
AS WELL AS THE REPORTING TELEGRAMS.
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